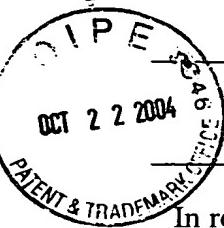


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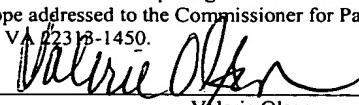
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Issued: September 28, 2004

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DRAWINGS:

1. The attached replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 2 and 7A-7C. These sheets replaced the original sheets that included Figures 2 and 7A-7C. In Figure 2, reference numbers 14, 16, 18 and 20 were deleted, and lead lines were added for Arm 1 and Arm 2. In Figures 7A-7C, reference numbers 14 and 16 were replaced by reference numbers 14a and 16a, and reference numbers 14b and 16b were added.

These replacement sheets were presented in Applicant's Amendment received by the Patent and Trademark Office on February 2, 2004, and were accepted by the Examiner as indicated in the Notice of Allowability dated March 5, 2004

SPECIFICATION:

1. Column 3, after line 45, between the description of FIGS 11 and 13, add the following paragraph:

--FIGS. 12A-12C are graphical representations of a moment at a wall in aligning an object using the technique illustrated in FIG. 11.--

As noted in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of August 4, 2004, the specification as filed included this description of FIGS. 12A-12C and no conflict existed between the drawings and the Description of Drawings.

The Patentee hereby requests expedited issuance of the Certificate of Correction because the error lies with the Office and because the error is clearly disclosed in the records of the Office. As required for expedited issuance, enclosed is documentation that unequivocally supports the patentee's assertion without needing reference to the patent file wrapper.

It is noted that the above-identified errors were printing errors that apparently occurred during the printing process. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Request for Certificate of Correction. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. UCALP039).

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INVENTOR(S) : Ronald S. Fearing and Eiji Shimada

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent
are hereby corrected as shown below:

In the drawings, Sheet 1, Fig. 2, is replaced by the attached Replacement Sheet 1. Sheet 5, Figs. 7A, 7B, 7C, are replaced by the attached Replacement Sheet 5. In Fig. 2, reference numbers 14, 16, 18 and 20 have been deleted, and lead lines have been added for Arm 1 and Arm 2. In Figs. 7A-7C, reference numbers 14 and 16 have been replaced by reference numbers 14a and 16a, and reference numbers 14b and 16b have been added.

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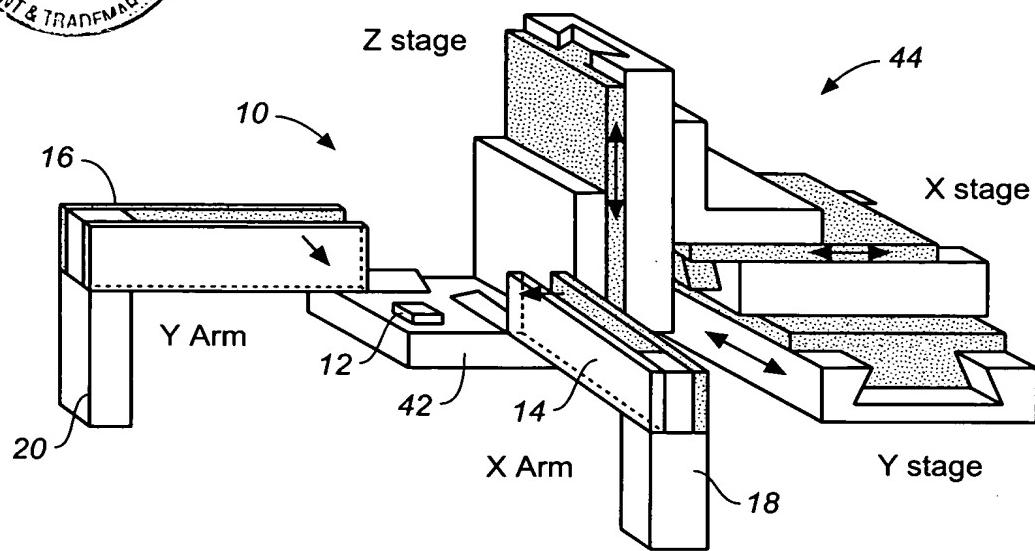


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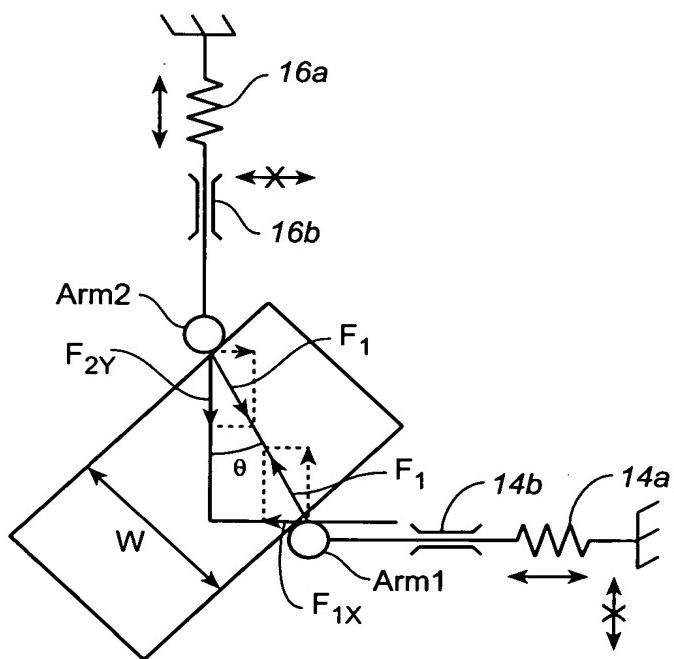


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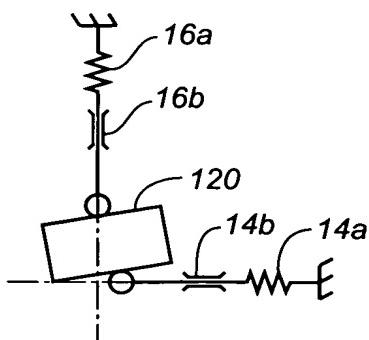


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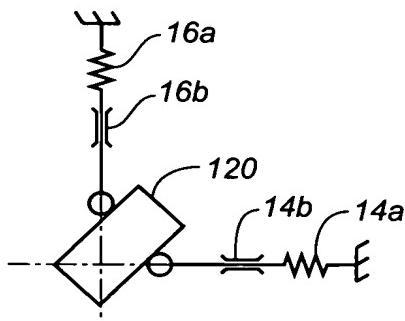


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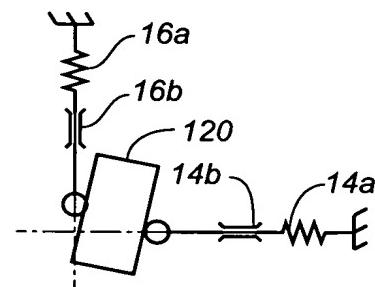


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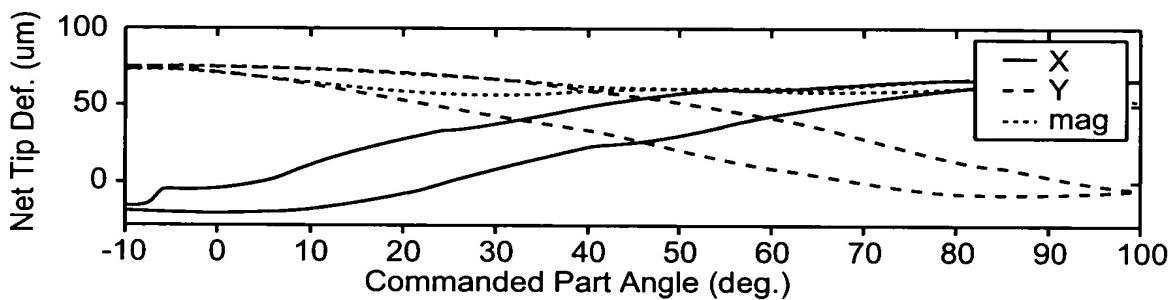


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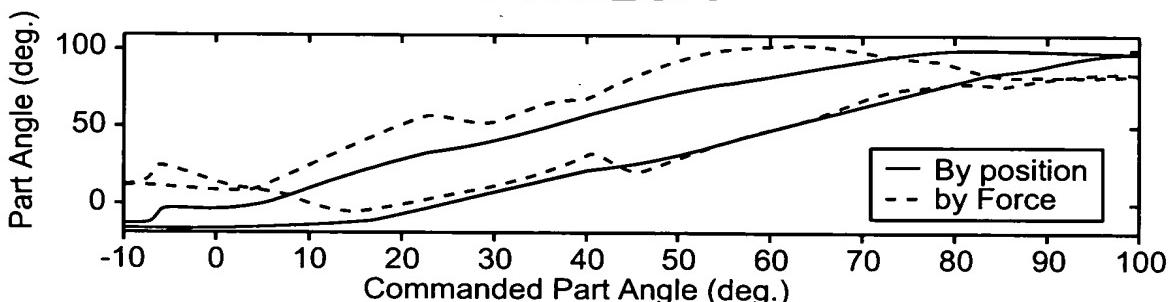


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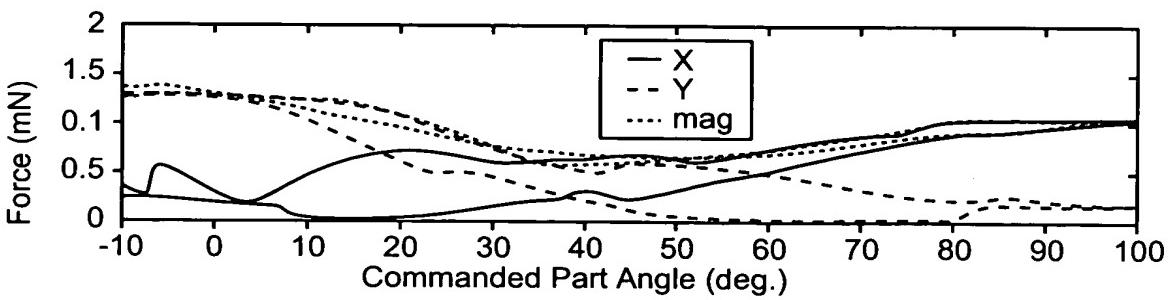


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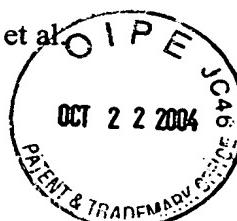
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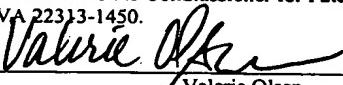
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2003, a response to which is due January 30, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 5, lines 26 to 27 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG 2 is a schematic representation of a grasping configuration, showing the equivalent beam stiffness of the x- and y-arms, of an apparatus for manipulating an object.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 2 and 7A-7C. These sheets replace the original sheets that included Figures 2 and 7A-7C. In Figure 2, reference numbers 14, 16, 18 and 20 have been deleted, and lead lines have been added for Arm 1 and Arm 2. In Figures 7A-7C, reference numbers 14 and 16 have been replaced by reference numbers 14a and 16a, and reference numbers 14b ad 16b have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

The claims pending in the subject application, claims 1-26, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. According to the examiner, there is a conflict in what is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

As discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that Figures 1 and 2 are consistent. However, to clarify what is shown in these figures, Figure 2 and Figures 7A-7C have been amended.

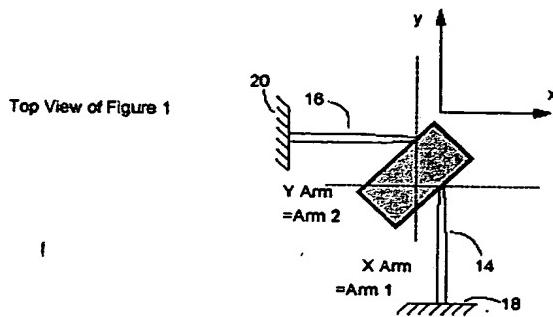
Figure 1 of the subject application shows a cantilever beam 14 mounted parallel to the y-axis and fixed to a support 18. The beam 14 bends with negligible extension, and the motion of the tip of the beam is substantially in the x direction. Thus, the beam 14 is called the x-arm (Arm 1). Also in Figure 1, a cantilever beam 16 is mounted parallel to the x-axis and fixed to a support 20. The beam 16 bends with negligible extension, and the motion of the tip of this beam is substantially in the y direction. Thus, the beam 16 is called the y-arm (Arm 2).

To simplify the analysis of cantilever beam stiffness, it is common to schematically represent a cantilever by a linear spring at the end of the beam, oriented perpendicular to the cantilever beam, and parallel to the beam bending direction. It is understood that this is an approximation which neglects the extension of the beam. This representation is common in undergraduate mechanical engineering curricula such as at Figure 1 of Glauser et al., *Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering Senior Laboratory*, pp. 1-10. See, the section entitled "Modeling a Cantilever Beam." Reference can also be made to page 8 of *ASEN 2003: Introduction to Dynamics and Systems Spring 2002*, pp. 1-19. See, the section entitled "B.3 Modeling of Vibrations of Cantilever Beams by Elementary Beam Theory." Copies of both of these publications are attached.

Figure 2 schematically represents the equivalent stiffness of the beam 14, the x-arm, and the beam 16, the y-arm. The bending stiffness of the beam 14 is substantially along the x direction and is represented by a virtual spring element 14a. The high stiffness which prevents

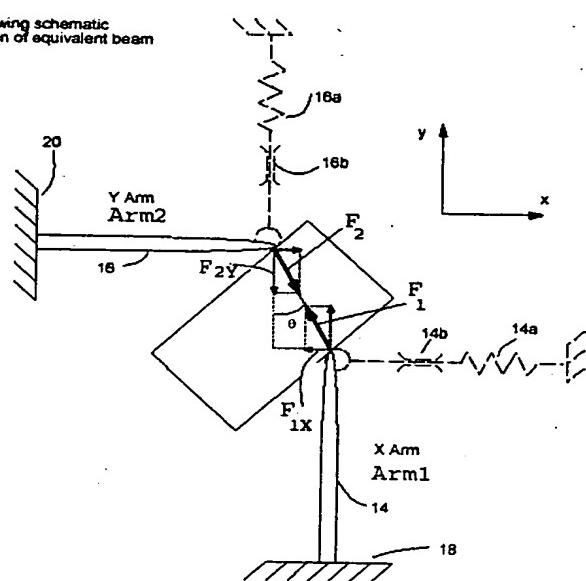
extension of the beam 14 in the y direction is represented by a virtual constraint element 14b. The bending stiffness of the beam 16 is substantially along the y direction is represented by a virtual spring element 16a. The high stiffness which prevents extension of the beam 16 in the x direction is represented by a virtual constraint element 16b.

By way of further explanation, a simplified plan view of the system of Figure 1 of the subject specification is shown below:



Combining this view of Figure 1 with that of Figure 2, as illustrated below, shows the schematic representation of the equivalent beam stiffness:

Figure 2 showing schematic representation of equivalent beam stiffness.





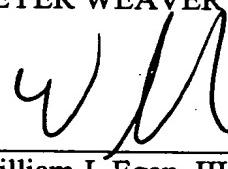
Thus, as can be seen from the subject specification, as well as from the above explanation, what is depicted in Figures 1 and 2 is consistent with the operation of the claimed apparatus for manipulating an object.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (510) 495-3206.

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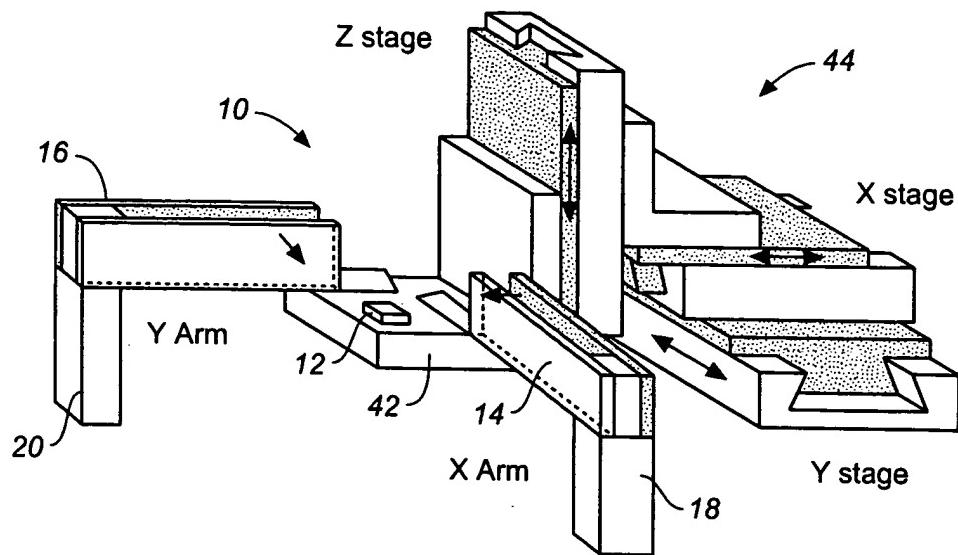


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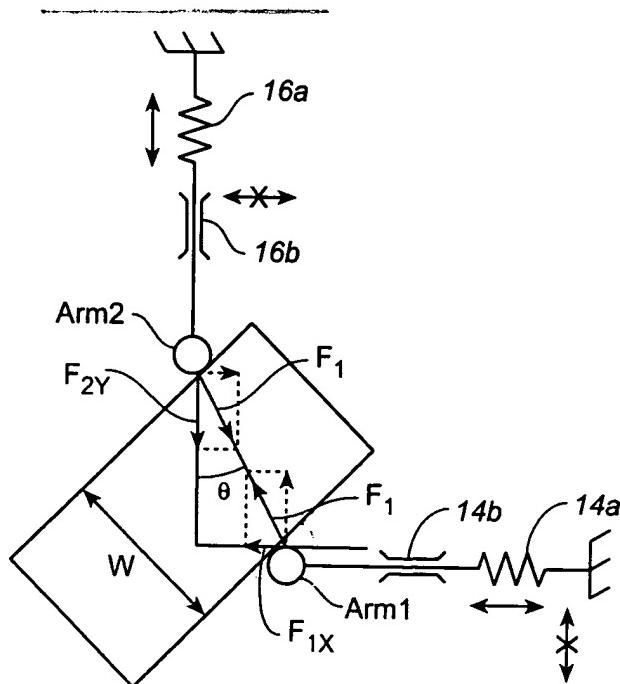


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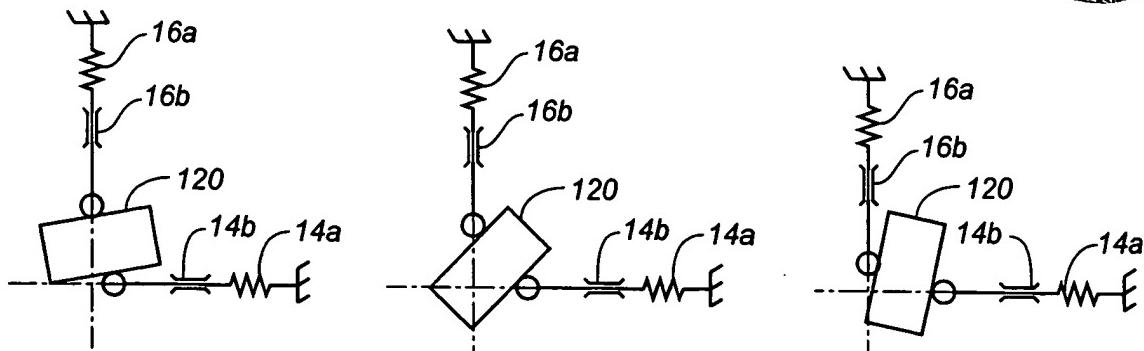


FIG. 7A

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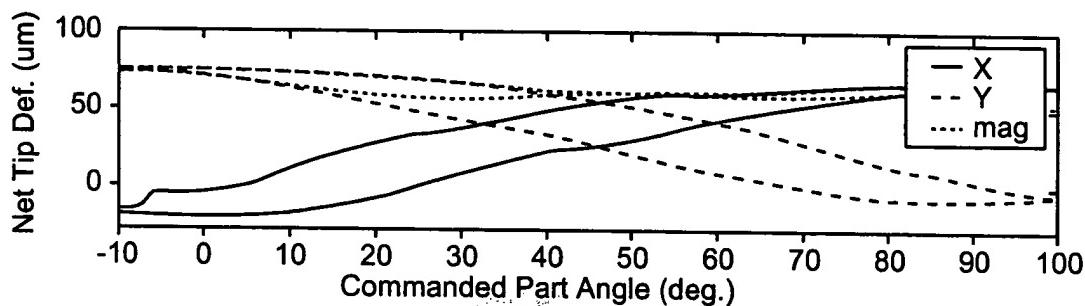


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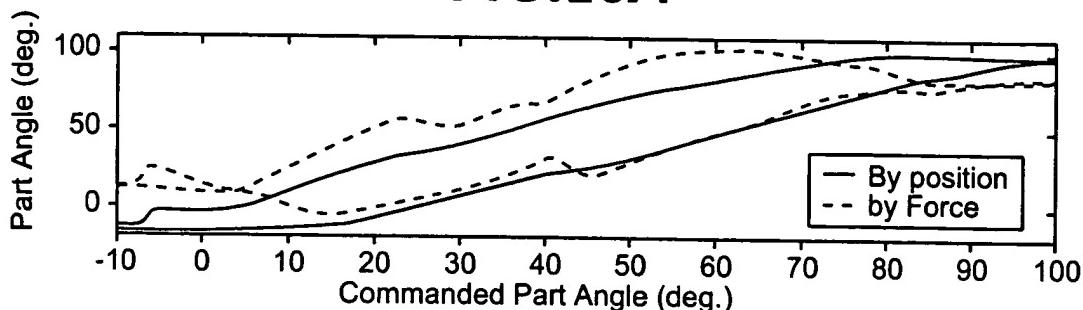


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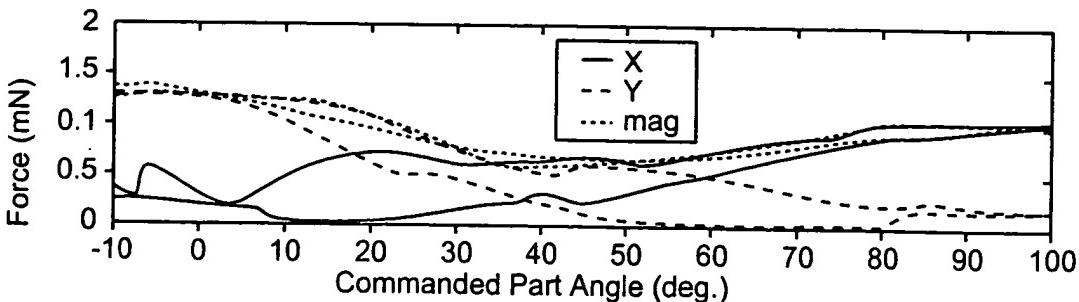


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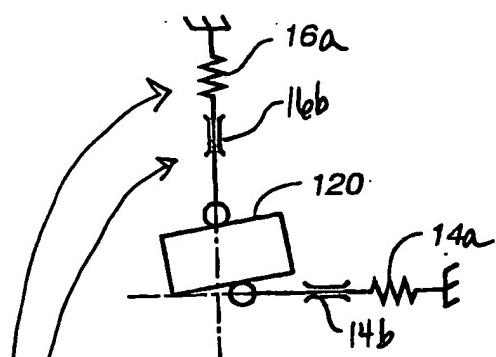


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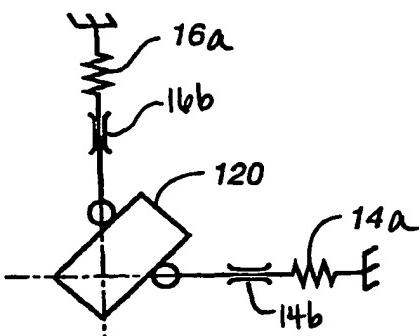


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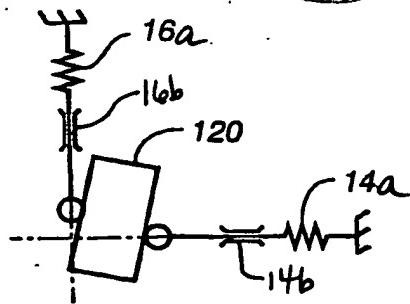


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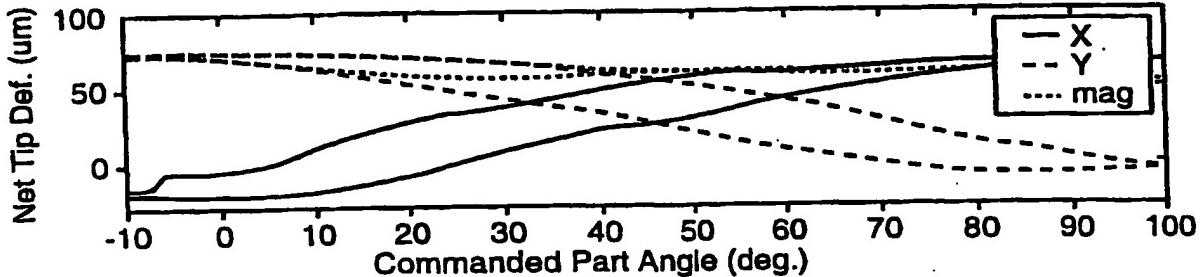


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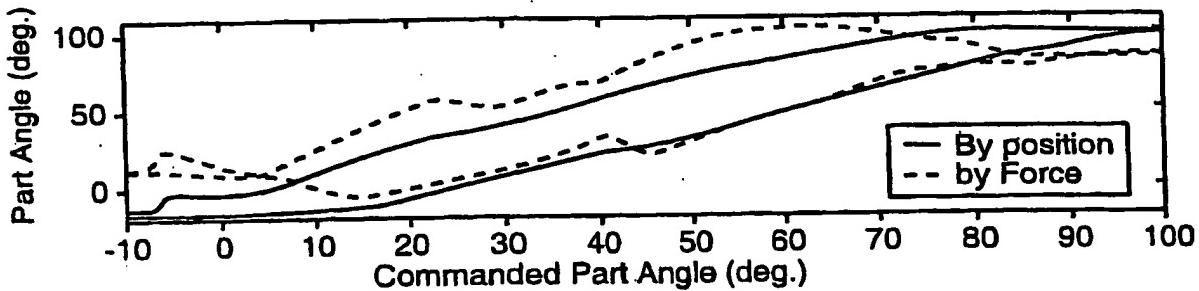


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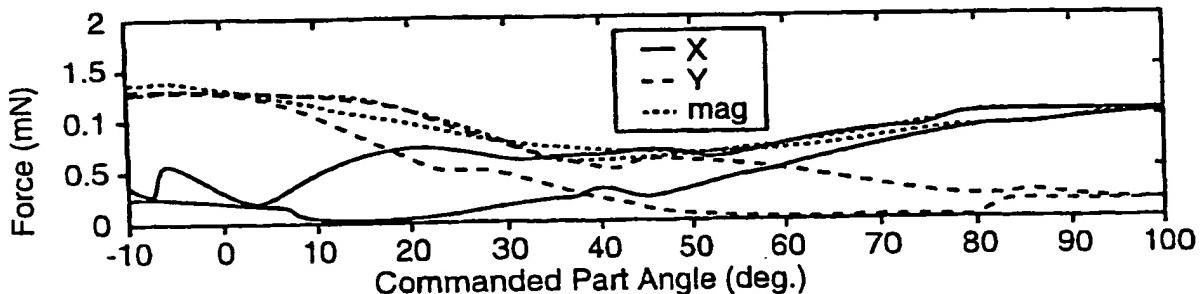


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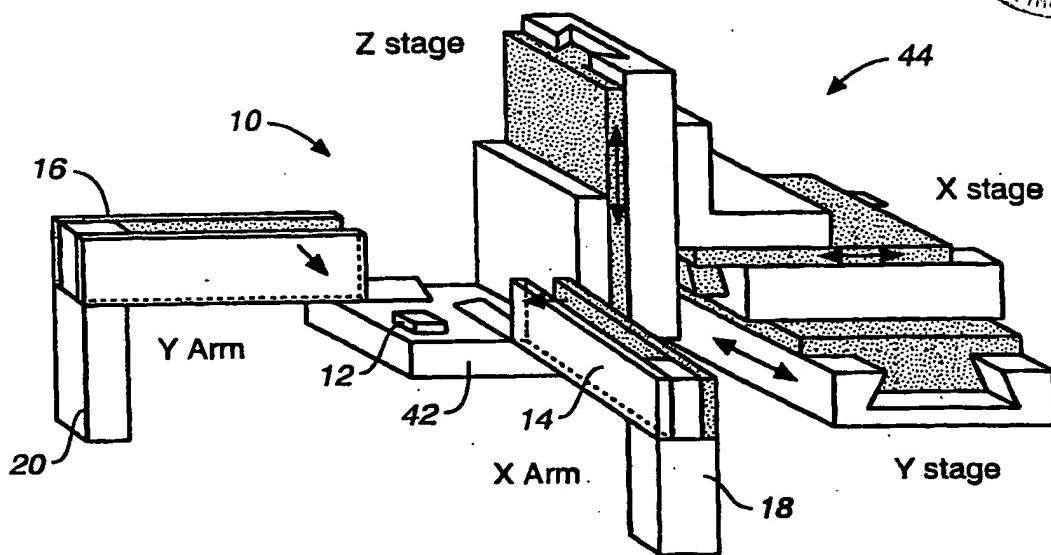


FIG. - 1

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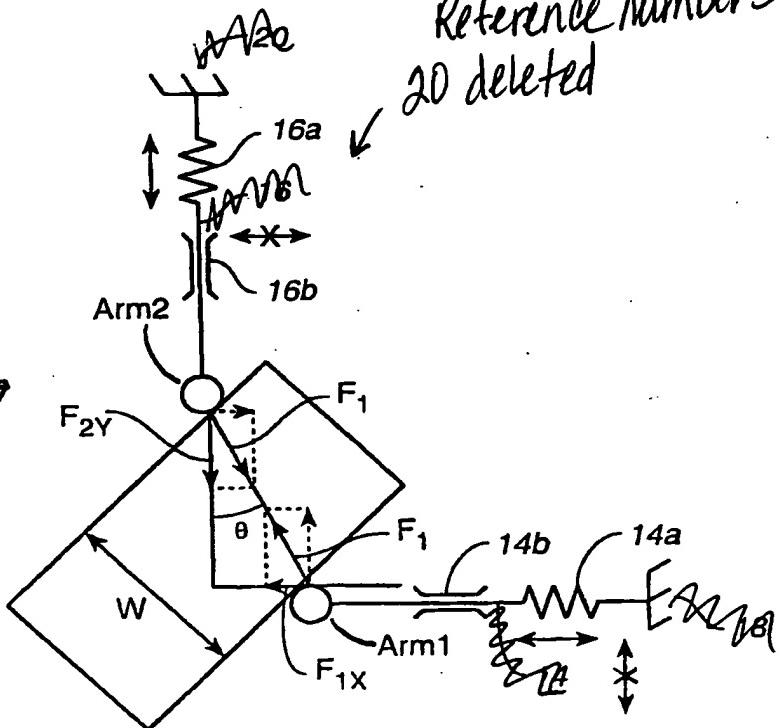
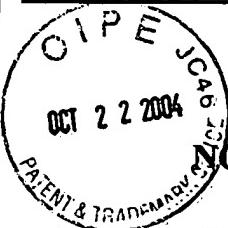


FIG. - 2



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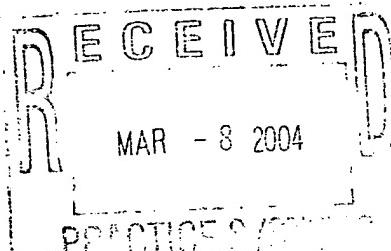
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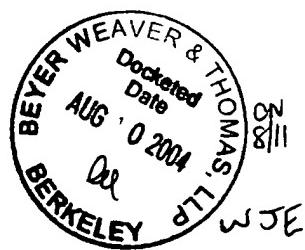


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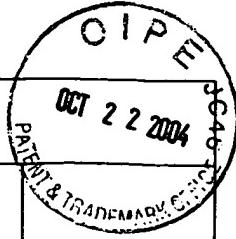
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<i>Supplemental Notice of Allowability</i>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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1. This communication is responsive to THE COMMUNICATION FILED 7-19-04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are _____.
3. The drawings filed on _____. are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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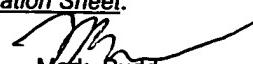
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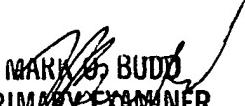
5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

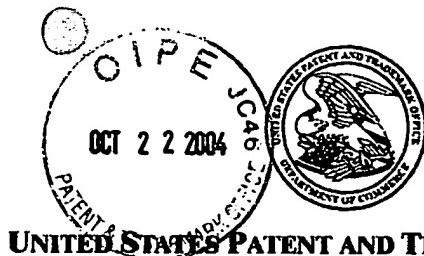
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other See Continuation Sheet.


Mark Budd
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 2834

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: APPLICANTS RESPONSE NOTES CORRECTLY THAT THE ORIGIONAL DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES 12A-C IS PROPER AND NO CONFLICT EXHISTS BETWEEN THE DRAWINGS AND THE DESCRIPTION ALSO APPLICANT IS CORRECT THAT NO DRAWINGS WERE FILED BY APPLICANTS ON 2-2-04..


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The drawings filed 02-02-2004 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures _____ are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 12A, 12B, and 12C are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

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